GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2333
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IMPROVEMENT IN GOODS TRANSPORTATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Department has given the top priority to bring in improvement in its goods transportation during the Tenth Plan;

(b) whether the capacity of high density corridors has been increased;

(c) if so, whether the speed of trains has been increased upto 100 Km per hour so as to reduce the gap in the speed of goods transport services;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the measures being taken by the Government for this purpose; and

(e) the estimated quantity of goods likely to be transported as a result of increased speed of trains alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2333 BY PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR, SHRI MUNSHI RAM AND SHRIMATI ANURADHA CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.3.05 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN GOODS TRANSPORTATION.

(a) to (e): One of the stated objectives of the Tenth Five
Year Plan was to increase capacity on the High Density Network, improve throughput and increasing average speed of the goods train.

For this purpose a special purpose vehicle the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited was set up to execute the works of strengthening of the Golden Quadrilateral in order to increase capacity, throughput and average speed of the goods train in a period of five years. The Railways have planned to increase the speed of the goods trains upto 100 Kilometre Per Hour (KMPH) on the Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals.
Since the amount of traffic carried is dependent on a number of factors, it is not possible to calculate the quantity of goods that are likely to be carried as a result of increased speed of goods trains. However, it has been planned to achieve an originating freight loading of 776 Million Tonnes by the year 2009-2010.